RFP# DHAL06-002 Addendum #2

QUESTION: Can you indicate the amount budgeted for the products selected to fulfill this RFP?

ANSWER: A specific amount has not been determined for the project.

QUESTION: Could you identify the incumbent providers of the products requested and the budget of each?

ANSWER: Vendors may be found on http://mel.org/.

QUESTION: Will we be notified of the outcome of the selection process in the event that we are not a selected vendor?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: We would like to propose a product that it scheduled to be released on September 15, 2006. Is this permissible, given the October 1, 2007 contract start date?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: For the CORE database categories for (1) college level audiences, (2) grades 7-12 and/or (3) general interest, may we propose a "set" of databases for each category, i.e., multiple databases that together address the described content requirement(s) in each category?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: Related to the Discontinued Content/Loss of Rights requirement on page 6 of the Statement of Work (SOW), could you clarify how "content discontinuation" relates to a database vendor?

ANSWER: This is answered in the Discontinued Content/Loss of Rights section.

QUESTION: Related to the flow of response, it appears that there are a number of items in the SOW that are for information purposes (i.e., 1.102 Evaluation Methods). In addition to completing the required matrices for each proposed product, to what portions of the SOW should we respond? Is it possible for you to provide an outline of the order of the sections that should be included in this response?

ANSWER: Vendors must respond to all sections.

QUESTION: Does the State have a preferred format for the pricing presentation? Should the pricing be packaged separately? If not, does the State have a preferred placement for the pricing with the flow of the response?

ANSWER: Pricing should be provided for products both separately and as packages.

QUESTION: Section 4.101 indicates the proposal should be completed using the format provided in Section 1. This section, while providing tables to address functionality, content, and security, do not indicate how the pricing proposal should be formatted. Is there a particular format you would like to see for the actual price proposal?

ANSWER: Pricing should be packaged separately. Vendors must provide individual and combined pricing.

QUESTION: There are a number of sections in the RFP document labeled "reserved". Is there an updated complete document or should these sections just be ignored?

ANSWER: These sections should be ignored.

QUESTION: Section 4.003 states that bids should be submitted using recycled paper and printed on both sides. Is this a requirement or a recommendation?

ANSWER: Recommendation.